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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, GT

SUBJECT: CORN IMPORTS

REF: AGATT TELECON WITH CHARLES PENCE/FAS JULY 16

1. CONTRARY TO ASSERTION A MONTH AGO BY DIRECTOR OF INDECA, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE'S GRAIN MARKETING AND PRICE STABILIZATION AGENCY, THAT NOT ONE MORE GRAIN OF CORN WOULD BE IMPORTED THIS YEAR, AN APPARENT SERIOUS SHORTAGE HAS DEVELOPED AND GOVERNMENT STOCKS OF DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED CORN ARE ABOUT EXHAUSTED. PRESS REPORTS LONG LINES AT HUNDREDS OF EXPENDIOS WHERE GOG SELLS CORN AT FIVE CENTS PER POUND; STOCKS IN AT LEAST ONE AREA REPORTED UNDER ARMED GUARD. SOME ASKING PRICES REPORTED MORE THAN 20 CENTS.

2. AMBASSADOR RAISED SUBJECT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER JULY 15 AND URGED COMMERCIAL PURCHASE AND CHARTERING OF VESSEL FROM NEW ORLEANS. MINISTER OF ECONOMY ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF P.L. 480 CORN AND DIVERSION OF GRAIN-CARRYING SHIP TO GUATEMALA. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE WAS INFORMED OF SITUATION FOLLOWING REFTELCON.

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3. FYI, GOG RECEIVED 10,000 METRIC TONS U.S. CORN IN DECEMBER AND 20,000 MT IN FIRST-HALF 1975, 5,000 MT U.S. RICE, AND 5,000 MT COLOMBIAN BLACK BEANS. ALSOABOUT 5,000 MT U.S. BLACK BEANS BUT LAST WEEK CHANGED LAST PURCHASE TO 3,000 MT CORN. THIS WEEK ORDERED 20,000 MT CORN FROM WORLD TRADE GROUP, WASHINGTON, D.C., SUPPLIER OF OTHER 30,000 TONS, WHICH WAS LOW BIDDER ON TENDER JULY 11 AT \$139.37/MT FOR #2 YELLOW CORN, CIF GUATEMALA PORT.

4. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE SAID JULY 17 HE HOPES 23,000 TONS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY DELIVERY WILL SEE GUATEMALA THROUGH "CRISES." CURRENTLY BEING UNLOADED FOR THREE ANIMAL FEED PROCESSORS ARE 4,500 MT OF U.S. GRAIN SORGHUM; THEY EXPECT GOG TO APPROVE IMPORTATION OF 4,000 TONS MORE.  
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